Cases of Polio in the Country

4749. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of Polio disease especially in the tribal/backward/rural areas is increasing in the country;

(b) whether such cases have also been reported from the State of Gujarat;

(c) if so, how many cases have come to notice in the State during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(d) the action taken by Government so far to control the disease in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 443 and 665 cases were reported from Gujarat during 1993 and 1994 respectively;

(d) The State Government has carried out containment measures in areas where polio cases were reported. The reported coverage with the third dose of Oral Polio Vaccine has been above 90% during the last three years in Gujarat.

"डा. राममनोहर लोहिया अस्पताल में बदहाली का जोर" शीर्षक से समाचार

4750. श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 4 अप्रैल, 1995 के "दैनिक जागरण" में "डा. राम मनोहर लोहिया अस्पताल में बदहाली का जोर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है, यदि हां, तो प्रकाशित खबर पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार "रुपए लेकर बिस्तर दिलाने वाला गिरोह सक्रिय" से संबंधित मामले की जांच करवाएगी और इसमें लिप्त कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कार्रवाई करेगी कि भविष्य में इस प्रतिष्ठित अस्पताल में मरीजों को दी जाने वाली आवश्यक सुविधा में लापरवाही या ढील न बरती जाए?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री पबन सिंह घाटोवार): (क) और (ख) जी हां। इस खबर की रिपोर्ट सरकार के ध्यान में आई है। इस खबर के विवरण सच नहीं हैं।

Life Span

4751. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the life span of an Indian today;

(b) whether the longevity is encouraged by the Government of India;

(c) if so, what are the programmes for extending the longevity;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are aware of the fact that the enormous pensioners' avocations are wasted in the country;

(f) whether Government propose to initiate ways and means to utilise these pensioners' forces to the developmental work of the country; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) According to Registrar General of India, estimated expectation of life at birth at the national level, based on Sample Registration System, for the period 1986—90 for a person is 63.4 years.

(b) to (d) Longevity is related to several factors which inter-alia include containment of diseases, particularly those affecting infants, children and women, access to safe drinking water, safe food, improved nutritional status, proper sanitary facilities, clean environment, education etc. several schemes are being implemented by Central & State Governments covering all these areas so as to enhance longevity. Since independence the Central Govt. have launched several communicable and Non-communicable diseases control/eradication programmes which are being